

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 4-10 as follows:

Furthermore, if the insertion position (insertion depth) of the insertion plate ~~303~~ 305 in the slit 303 is adjusted, an attenuation action that attenuates the intensity of the transmitted light can be realized by blocking a portion of the light beam that enters the slit 303 from the first light guide core 302a in accordance with this insertion position, and allowing the remaining light beam component to pass through so that this component is coupled with the end surface of the third light guide core 302c.